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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-844-E - ORDER NO. 96-323
MAY 3, 1996

IN RE: Application of Duke Power Company for) ORDER ON
Approval of an Integrated Resource) REVISION OF
Plan (IRP).) DSM PROGRAMS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the February 14, 1996 proposal of Duke Power Company (Duke or the Company) for approval by this Commission to modify the Existing Residential Housing Program.

Duke proposes to modify the HVAC Tune-up and Residential Energy Products Loan components of the Existing Residential Housing Program. With regard to the HVAC Tune-up component, Duke proposes an expansion to make the program available to manufactured homes and multi-family structures. Duke also proposes to change the program to include homes that are one (1) year old as opposed to the original two (2) years old. Further, due to safety concerns with air leakages in homes with fossil fuel equipment and non-vented heating units, Duke proposes to specifically state that these structures do not qualify for the program. Further, Duke proposes to eliminate the requirement for electric cooking and clothes drying as this equipment is used intermittently and is

usually vented. Finally, Duke proposes to continue to pay \$50.00 to the HVAC dealer toward the cost of diagnostic analysis of the air distribution system, but proposes to reduce the contribution to the dealer for the cost of repairs from 90% (up to \$230.00) to \$50.00. It should be noted that financing is available through the Company's "Residential Energy Products Loan" component.

With regard to the Residential Energy Products Loan component of the Existing Residential Loan Housing Program, Duke proposes to add financing for water heaters in response to customer requests and to gas competitors who offer financing for water heaters. The rates range from 7.5% to 11.5%, depending upon the item/appliance and its SEER rating.

These are one time incentives or loans that do not include any continuing credits or payments, therefore, only customers participating after the effective date of the program would be affected.

The Commission notes that the proposed changes were served on William E. Booth, Esq. and Nancy V. Coombs, Esq. and that no responses, protests, nor Petitions to Intervene have been received in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission has examined this matter and believes that the proposals are consistent with Company's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP program) originally filed

under Docket No. 92-208-E. Duke may therefore make the proposed changes at the present time, but should report the results of the changes to the Commission at such intervals as may be appropriate.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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